

Listing of all Watercraft Reviewer Recommendations

Directives, Manuals and Operating Procedures (DMP)

- 1 WSSR Comment: Not explicitly stated in the review but reviewer indicated WS would benefit from having a watercraft/water safety directive.

Management and Administration (MA)

- 1 Suggestion for locations where WS staff work near/under piers with large ship or ferry traffic: Memorandum of Agreements should be signed requiring that a WS supervisor is contacted NLT 1 hour prior to the large ship or ferry boat's scheduled morning run by ship or port operations if there is no record of WS crew calling clear of the area.

Training Program (TP)

- 1 WSSR Comment: Not stated as an explicit recommendation, but reviewer suggested that WS adopt State recreational boating certification standards at a minimum. Suggested that the type of work WS conducts warrants a higher level of training.

Additional Safety Staff (SS)

- 1 Safety officers are appointed for each district. These individuals, in cooperation with supervisors and managers, will develop, in final form, a written policy. This policy would include initial and recurring training, certification of boat operators, emergency operations, search and rescue, safety equipment inspections, float plans, accountability, and proper loading of equipment on the vessel.

Equipment, Facilities and Maintenance (EFM)

- 1 PFD use (actual wearing while underway) is mandatory at all locations.
- 2 Each site obtain the styles and types of PFD's most likely to be worn including float coats, Auto Inflatable PFD's for hot weather, and comfortable vest style Type 3 PFD's.
- 3 WS should maintain strict adherence to vessel placards in regards to weight and number of passengers on board. Safety Officers should develop easy to read examples of typical loading which approach weight limits. Example: "Two male adults 10 beaver traps, two fuel tanks, a crate of chain, etc = 550 pounds....." These examples should be provided to all staff and could be also conspicuously mounted in poster style where the boats are stored.
- 4 Purchase handheld GPS chart plotters (such as the Garmin Map 76 monochrome unit). Training, on the unit should be conducted prior to issue along with periodic refreshers each year.

Culture (C)

- 1 WS Safety Officers should obtain (often free from boater safety organizations) and post conspicuously signs and safety posters.